

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP  
July 25, 2011

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Keane (7:20 p.m.), Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer, Shapiro

Board of Education members present: Martha Kelly, Min Lin, Holly Matthews, Ed Neumann, Katherine Paulhus, Randall Walikonis

II. SHARED LIBRARY SERVICES – TOWN AND MANSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mayor Paterson welcomed those in attendance. Town Manager Matt Hart and Superintendent of Schools Fred Baruzzi presented their preliminary ideas regarding the possibility of sharing some library services. The Town and Board of Education have a successful history of shared services and given some key personnel changes would like to explore the possibility of additional collaborations which might strengthen both programs. In order to explore this idea the Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools plan to ask staff to critically evaluate the ideas; review these findings and seek input from the Library Advisory Board; and seek additional input from the Friends of the Library and the Community at-large.

Sheila Clark, Chair of the Library Board, asked staff to investigate issues of dual certification, the role of the principal in staff evaluation, the need for onsite administration and the different charges inherent in the building of separate collections.

Linda Robinson, Mansfield Middle School Librarian, supports having the shared services concept explored further.

By consensus members agreed to authorize Mr. Hart and Mr. Baruzzi to move forward with reviewing shared library services.

Mayor Paterson thanked those in attendance for their contributions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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